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SUBJ: ICAO FINANCE COMMITTEE NOV 22 - PROPOSED TRIENNIAL BUDGET

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1. REGARDING CWP/5832, INFORMATION PAPER NO. 4 CONTAINED MATERIAL REQUESTED BY SENEGAL AT LAST MEETING. COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION OF PART I MEETINGS BECAME BOGGED DOWN IN CONSIDERATION INFO PAPER AND A SENEGAL PROPOSAL FOR BUDGETING MEETINGS. FIRST LINE INFO PAPER REFERS ASSEMBLY COST: AT HEADQUARTERS - \$128,000; ELSEWHERE, LOW-COST - \$358,000 AND HIGH-COST - \$646,000. SENEGAL PROPOSED, WITH SUPPORT AUSTRALIA, THAT MEETINGS AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS BE BUDGETED AT A MEAN HALFWAY BETWEEN LOW AND HIGH COST. FOR EXAMPLE, REGARDING ASSEMBLIES, APPROXIMATELY \$500,000. FYI: INFO PAPER GIVES SIMILAR DATA ON OTHER TYPES ICAO MEETINGS. END FYI.

2. AUSTRALIA SUPPORTED BECAUSE THEY PREFER MEETINGS AT OTHER THAN MONTREAL LOCATION DUE TO EXPENSE OF BRINGING DELEGATIONS GREAT DISTANCE. AUS/REP ADMITTED MOST SITES WERE SOME EXPENSIVE

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DISTANCE FROM AUSTRALIA. OTHER HAND, SENEGAL OBVIOUSLY PLACED

EMPHASIS ON A "NEW POLICY" OF HOLDING MEETINGS IN REGIONS AND BUDGETING HIGHER IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE STATE PARTICIPATION AT LEAST COST.

3. DURING COFFEE-BREAK (FRANCE)(CHAIR) STARTED POLITIKING TO DEFEAT PROPOSAL. AFTER BREAK, ALL MEMBERS, EXCEPT PROPOSERS, SPOKE AGAINST SENEGAL APPROACH. HE DID NOT PUSH TO VOTE, THEREFORE, BUT ASKED THAT DELIBERATION BE ACCURATELY REFLECTED IN REPORT TO COUNCIL, AND THEN SAID THAT HE INTENDED BRING THIS MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL OR MORE LIKELY ASSEMBLY BECAUSE FULL MEMBERSHIP AT ASSEMBLY WOULD OBVIOUSLY FEEL DIFFERENT ABOUT MATTER FROM COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL. FYI: THIS "THREAT" TO BRING TO ASSEMBLY IS USED MORE AND MORE FREQUENTLY AS LDCS BEGIN GEAR UP FOR ASSEMBLY NEXT SUMMER. END FY.

4. OPPOSITION IN COMMITTEE MEETING BASED ON (A) AVAILABILITY EXPENSIVE NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING MONTREAL AND (B) INDEFINITE NATURE BUDGETING PROPOSAL. FOR EXAMPLE, SENEGAL INDICATED THAT IF \$500,000 WERE BUDGETED AND MEETING COST ONLY \$350,000, DIFFERENCE WOULD GO IN WCF OR "SOME PLACE", IF A MEETING COST \$650,000, THE ADDITIONAL COST WOULD BE MINIMIZED AND IN PART MET BY HOST STATE. USREP ADVOCATED HOLDING MEETING HEADQUARTERS ESPECIALLY IN VIEW AVAILABILITY NEW BUILDING AND BUDGETING ACCORDINGLY.

5. FYI. SEC GEN AND PRES/COUNCIL HAVE INDICATED TO USREP THEY HOPE FOR SLIGHT INCREASE MEETING BUDGET TO ENCOURAGE HOSTING. SEC GEN OBVIOUSLY OPPOSED EXTREME SUGGESTION OF SENEGAL. AFTER MEETING, SEC GEN CONFIDENTIALLY TOLD USREP THAT HE INTENDS APPROACH SENEGAL AND LDCS WITH INFORMAL RPT INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING THAT ICAO WILL GIVE LDCS 10 PERCENT ADVANTAGE OVER BUDGETED AMOUNT WHEN THEY CONSIDER HOSTING IN ORDER KEEP MATTER OUT OF COUNCIL AND ESPECIALLY ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, PRES/COUNCIL POINTED OUT THAT RECENT EFFORTS BY UGANDA (E.AFRICA) AND SENEGAL TO HOST AFIRAN FELL THROUGH FOR REASONS OTHER THAN MONEY. AUSTRALIA PARTICIPATION PUZZLING TO SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS. ALSO, SENEGAL TOLD USREP HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO DO WHAT HE WAS DOING BUT FELT "IT HAD TO BE DONE".

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6. USREP DOES NOT ANTICIPATE RENEWED CONSIDERATION THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL SOON BUT MAY COME UP WHEN COUNCIL CONSIDERS BUDGET, MARCH.

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS NOV 27 AFTERNOON.
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